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Re: Serial No. 10/018,098; filed December 11, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. PAT-100T

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which includes an Extension of Time.
2. Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111
3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98
4. Form PTO/SB/08 (2 pages), including cited references (2 references)
5. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

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Application Number	10/018,098
Filing Date	December 11, 2001
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1994, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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